

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 710

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A RESOLUTION proposing amendment of Article VI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee, relative to judges of the appellate courts.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed that the Constitution of Tennessee be amended:

By deleting Section 3 of Article VI and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 3. Each judge of the Supreme Court or any intermediate appellate court shall be initially selected via merit-based gubernatorial appointment from a panel of qualified candidates submitted by a nominating commission; shall be legislatively confirmed; and, thereafter, contingent upon a satisfactory job performance evaluation, shall be subject to retention election by the qualified voters of the state. The Legislature shall prescribe such rules as may be necessary to implement sections two and three of this article. Each such judge shall be at least thirty-five years of age and shall have been a resident of the state for the five-year period immediately preceding appointment. The term of service shall be eight years.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the foregoing amendment be referred to the One Hundred Eighth General Assembly and that this resolution proposing such amendment be published in compliance with Article XI, Section 3 of the Constitution of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the clerk of the senate deliver copies of this resolution to the secretary of state.